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Fifth Army Tanks Liberate Rome

Will They Regard Italian Capital An Open City? No Reply To Kesselring's Proposals

NEW YORK, June 5.

Mopping up of Rome was completed at 9-15 p.m. last night says an Associated Press message from Rome. The force which completed the job was one from the Anzio beachhead.

The City adds the message, was liberated by Fifth Army tanks which forced the Germans' rearguard to the edge of the ancient forum

The German News Agency quoted a special announcement from Hitler's Hd. Qrs. saying that Field Marshal Kesselring has sent the Allies special proposals to regard Rome as an open city.

Limits Of Open City

The proposals which have been submitted to the Vatican with the request that they should be conveyed to the Anglo-American High Command fix the limits of the open city.

Stores of supply goods are to be put at the disposal of the civilian population.

The announcement concludes: "So far no reply has been received from the Anglo-American High Command."

Fifth Army Cross Tiber

LONDON, June 5.

An American correspondent broadcasting from Italy this afternoon said the Fifth Army are now across the river Tibes in force. They are pursuing the Germans but have made no serious contact so far.

FIFTH ARMY'S DASH TO ROME

In their dash to the Capital, Fifth Army troops took Grottaferrata and Marina in the vicinity of Lake Albano and Genzano on the western shore of Lake Nemi. The advance from the Alban hills was mostly against light resistance with Fifth Army men by-passing some points of resistance rather than delay the advance. So thoroughly disorganised were Kesselring's troops below Rome, that in some places they were just a lot of unrelated elements. For example of the 337 prisoners taken at Veletri, 50 different companies were identified.

PLIGHT OF KESSSLRING'S MEN

Kesselring's men are now trying desperately to escape to the north of Rome, but their jammed convoys are paying a fearful price on roads stretching as far as 50 and 60 miles above the city, says Reuter's special correspondent.

Will King Victor Fulfill His Promise?

NAPLES, June 5.—Change in the authority of the Italian Government is now imminent, says Reuter's special correspondent.

Though the King is at present still at the seat of his Government, it is understood that the fulfilment of his promise to hand over power to his son Prince Umberto as Lieutenant of the Realm will probably occur this afternoon in a formal ceremony.

King Victor made this promise on April 12. The promise provided for a formal transfer of power "on the day when the Allied troops enter Rome."

GERMAN ARMY IN ITALY SMASHED

ROME, June 5.—General Mark Clark in a statement to-day said, "We have smashed a large part of the German army in Italy. The Fourteenth Army that opposed our beachhead in particular has suffered tremendous losses and it is doubtful whether it will ever be able to offer effective opposition again."—Reuter.

CHINESE BID FOR BURMA ROAD

Troops Within 12 Miles Of Key Highway City Of Tengcheng

CHUNGKING, June 5.

Chinese troops have crossed the Shwele river and are now within twelve miles of Tengchung, a key highway city north of Burma Road.

Ansiang, north-east of Chagteh, on the Tungting Lake has been occupied by the Chinese, it is officially announced.—Reuter.

SOVIET MAGAZINE ACCUSES CHINA

MOSCOW, June 4.

China's governing circles are charged with half-heartedness in an article in the Soviet magazine "War and the Working Class" today.

Declaring that the best units of the Chinese army had retreated in Honan before comparatively small Japanese forces in their biggest defeat of the past six years, the paper comments:

"China's ruling circles usually explain their military failures by economic backwardness of their country, by their shortage of armament and by the absence of military aid from England and the United States. But it hits the eye that in spite of numerous plans, very little is being done in China to build military and industrial foundation.

Regarding the Allies, it must be recognised that England and especially the United States are rendering China all possible military and economic help in difficult blockade conditions. Considerable help has been rendered by the Fourteenth American Air Force. Recently, England granted China a loan of 50 millions sterling. If she utilised the help from the Allies and mobilised her internal resources, China could, of course, get firmly on her feet.

The Chinese army is overburdened with feudal survivals. Among its officers and especially its generals there are many who are inclined to be defeatist. The best troops of the Chinese army under the command of General Hu Tsunnan concentrated against special frontier region are entirely out of battles against the Japanese. They could have played a big role in Honan. The failure of the Chinese troops in Honan cannot be considered due to accident but is due to the general situation existing in China.—Reuter.

For Exporters Of Piecegoods And Yarn

A PRESS NOTE STATES:—The Textile Commissioner desires that those who have registered their piecegoods and yarn with him for despatch should inform him within three days, if they are prepared to despatch their goods by sea. All others who have piecegoods and yarn or cotton packed, awaiting despatch to Calcutta which they have not as yet registered, should do so immediately stating whether they are prepared for their goods being despatched by sea or they would like the despatch by rail only. No person will be compelled to despatch by sea in view of the fact that Government is no longer carrying for the war risk.

Sind Govt. Lifts Ban

Congress Bengal Distress Relief Fund

KARACHI, June 5.

The Sind Government is understood to have withdrawn its order passed in April last whereby the funds of the Congress Bengal Distress Relief Fund amounting to about Rs. 2,700 were frozen in a local bank.

The organizers of the fund have been informed that the ban on their assets has been lifted.—A. P.

Mombassa To Goa In Country Craft

MARGAO, June 2.

Fifty-six passengers have arrived at Mormugao Harbour from Mombassa after crossing the Indian Ocean in a coastal sailing craft.

The passengers lived in constant fear of the approaching monsoon, as they were running short of provisions and the water supply becoming unsuitable for drinking due to inadequate storage.

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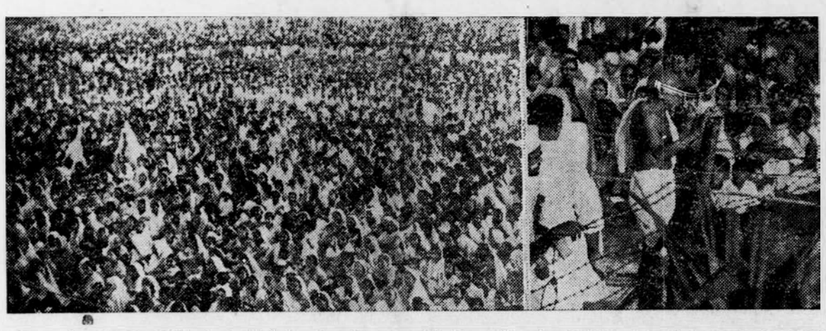

A view of a huge gathering at Juhu beach assembled on Sunday last to join the evening prayers led by Gandhiji—Right: Gandhiji standing behind wire fencing giving 'darshan' to the crowd.

Khizr Hyat's Rejoinder

Quotes Jinnah's Own Words To Prove Existence Of Jinnah-Sikander Pact

SIMLA, June 5.

"Specious reasons have been advanced for my expulsion but it is obvious that I have been expelled because I refused to accept Mr. Jinnah's demands which sought to end a state of affairs accepted by Mr. Jinnah and the League for more than six years," says Malik Khizar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, in a statement to the Press.

He adds: Fears have been realised and the Committee of Action has decided to expel me from the Muslim League without giving me an opportunity to clear my position. I cannot say that I am surprised. When Mr. Jinnah had his last conversation with me on the telephone on the night of April 27, 28, he informed me angrily that he would expel me from the League. This threat was made before I had issued my statement. Later, he thought better of this and referred the matter to the Committee of Action. It was, however, hardly to be expected that the Committee of Action which after all consists of his nominees would fail to carry out his orders.

"PREJUDGED"

My case was prejudged and decided before the Committee of Action ever professed to give me an opportunity to explain certain passages in my statement on April 28. While striving to maintain an appearance of judicial impartiality, the Committee soon showed that in fact the matter had been prejudged.

THAT "PACT"!

Although the Committee of Action previously refused to answer my questions about the attitude to the Sikandar-Jinnah Pact it has now made its attitude clear.

The Committee of Action holds that there was no pact and that there was at the most an undertaking or assurance given by "him (Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan) to the All-India Muslim League Council that he will himself become a member and also induce other Muslim members of his party to sign the Muslim League creed and join it."

LATER SIR MOHD. IQBAL'S TESTIMONY

It is quite untrue that there was no pact. Its existence can be proved from Mr. Jinnah's introduction to the publication by Sheikh Mohammad Ashraf of Allama Iqbal's letters to Mr. Jinnah says—

"..... *Sir Mohammad Iqbal played a very conspicuous part, though at the time not revealed to public, in bringing about this consummation. He had his own doubts about Sikandar-Jinnah Pact being arrived at and he was anxious to see it translated into some tangible results without delay so as to dispel popular misapprehension about it.*"

Moreover, Sir Mohammad Iqbal himself refers to this Pact in his letter to Mr. Jinnah. In a letter dated November 1, 1937, he says:

"Statements have been issued to the Press by "both sides, each side putting its own interpretation on the terms of Jinnah-Sikandar agreement. This as far as I know does not appear in the Jinnah-Sikandar Agreement."

In another letter dated November 10, 1937, the following passage occurs:

"..... In your pact with him (Sir Sikandar) it is mentioned that the Parliamentary Board will be reconstituted and that the Unionists will have majority in the Board. Sir Sikandar tells me that you agreed to their majority in the board....."

It is noteworthy that Mr. Jinnah did not then declare that there was no Pact, but only a unilateral declaration made by Sir Sikandar.

WHAT SIKANDAR SAID IN 1938

The evidence of Mr. Jinnah and Sir Mohammad Iqbal should be enough to establish beyond all question the existence of a Pact. Substantial evidence can also be adduced in abundance. Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan made many public speeches and statements in which he made it clear that his Government was a Unionist Government and not a Muslim League Government. None of these statements call forth any protest from Mr. Jinnah and the League. Lack of space prevents quoting from all these statements but I quote one made by Sir Sikandar at Kasur on October 14, 1938 reported by the Associated Press of India:

"The Young Men's Muslim Association referred in the course of its address to Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan's association with the Muslim League and said that "it would be improper to describe the Punjab Ministry a Muslim League Ministry."

Replying to this address the Premier emphasised that it would be not only improper but unfair to his Government to describe it as a Muslim League Ministry." He was a member of the Muslim League on the distinct understanding that the Unionist complexion of his Ministry would in no way be affected.

I myself referred explicitly to the Pact on two occasions in 1943, at Delhi in March and after my visit to Bombay some time later. On neither occasion did Mr. Jinnah contradict me or allege that there was no Pact.

ACTED UPON FOR 7 YEARS

Even if the Committee of Action contends, there was only a statement made by Sir Sikandar before the Council of the All-India Muslim League, is it not also true that for nearly seven years that statement has been acted upon and is not this sufficient to establish the existence of a Pact? The Committee of Action has not denied that the membership forms signed by the Muslim Members of the Unionist Party when joining the League, specifically declared that they joined it in pursuance of the Sikandar-Jinnah Pact. If the League never recognised the Pact, why did it accept as members Muslims who specifically said that they joined in pursuance of it if there was no Pact, the Committee of Action has no jurisdiction over me.

It is said that the Unionist Party ceased to exist when its Muslim members joined the Muslim League but this is not so. Its nature was altered but it continues to exist. A coalition party under its old name as guaranteed by the terms of Sikandar-Jinnah Pact. Without any protest from the League the majority in the Punjab Assembly has continued to be referred to as the Unionist Party both unofficially and in the official publications of the Department of Information of the Government of India.

For over six years the League has not discovered any such divergence between its aims, objects and constitution and those of the Unionist Party as to necessitate the service of the Punjab Muslim League Assembly Party from the Unionist Party.

It is incomprehensible how the Committee of Action has now discovered that "it is impossible for any honest man to owe allegiance at one and the same time to two parties with such differing creeds". If, however, members of the Punjab Muslim League Assembly Party are to be described as dishonest because of their allegiance to these two parties under the Jinnah-Sikandar Pact, I am afraid, the description will also apply to those who accepted this arrangement for over six years.

"KEEPING DOWN THE MUSLIMS?"

In its statement the Committee has also alleged that "the Unionist label in the Punjab was a pretence for keeping down the Mussalmans and making them subservient to the dominant Hindu group which in and out of season exploited it for its own purposes." This is absurd. Mr. Jinnah has taunted the Hindu members of the Ministerial Party with having no following worth mentioning and the whole world knows of the consistent and bitter opposition of a large section of the Hindu community inside and outside the Assembly to the Unionist Party. How can it be said that the Unionist label was an excuse for the domination of the Punjab Hindus over the Punjab Muslims. The position of the Punjab Muslims has improved beyond all recognition under the Unionist Ministry. The League itself and Mr. Jinnah have found no cause for complaint from 1937 to 1944. I challenge the Committee of Action to produce any evidence in suppose of this wild allegation.

NO BREACH OF FAITH

In my statement of April 28 I said clearly and explicitly that I was a firm believer in and a supporter of the aims and objects of the Muslim League I stood loyally by its creed and policy subject only to my insistence on the following two points:

(1) In general the Muslim League party in the Punjab Assembly should be free to choose its own Allies, determine the basis of its alliance and conduct its parliamentary work in accordance with the terms of the Sikandar-Jinnah Pact.

(2) In particular it should not be compelled to commit a breach of faith with its non-Muslim co-workers in the Assembly in respect of the undertakings formally embodied in the Jinnah-Sikandar Pact.

I maintain that I was within my rights and acting in the best interests of the Punjab Muslims in declining to yield on these two points. Every province has its own peculiar problems and its own background of economic and social conditions and party politics. It is only right and proper that within the general framework of All-India polycies every province should be free to conduct its affairs in the light of its own condition and experience.

In conclusion, I should like to make it clear that as far as the Muslim ideal of self-determination as embodied in the Lahore resolution, popularly known as the Pakistan, is concerned, the Committee of action's present decision does not affect in any way my wholehearted support for it. Whether I remain in the Muslim League or not I shall do all I can to help my community's efforts to realize this ideal.—A. P.

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That Letter To The Viceroy!

Gandhi Gram Silent Over The Matter

BOMBAY, Monday.

Asked whether it was not a fact that Gandhiji had addressed a letter to the Viceroy asking for an interview, Mr. Pyarelal replied "This question should not be asked". Mr. Pyarelal added that Gandhiji would leave Bombay when doctors permitted him.

Taking Medicine For First Time

A major decision so far as the non-political side of Gandhiji's life is concerned, has just been taken by him.

Gandhiji has agreed to take medicine prescribed by his doctors. The decision has been the direct result of long persuasion by a group of doctors attending on him. Gandhiji has been for a number of years sticking to his belief in nature cure. That Gandhiji has consented to take medicine for his speedy recovery, was confirmed by Mr. Pyarelal to-day.

Gandhiji spent a very restful day today, being his usual day of complete silence.

A parcel containing certain medicines for hook-worm and anaemia which were recommended by Dr. B. C. Roy, arrived at Gandhi-gram from Calcutta today. Further consignments of drugs are expected tomorrow from Madras and Bangalore.

Government's Anxiety To Ensure Milk For All

Bombayites will have to go without puddings, milkshakes, pedhas and other sweetmeats prepared from milk as a result of the decision of the Bombay Government to conserve the milk supply of the city. Tea, Coffee, buttermilk, butter and ghee will not be affected by the order.

This was announced by the Director of Food Supplies, Mr. A. D. Gorwalla, at a Press Conference, held on Monday afternoon, at the Secretariat.

The milk situation in the city was dealt with at length by Mr. P. G. Shah and Mr. B. S. Patel of the Civil Supplies Department.

They explained the causes of the present high prices of milk and said that it was extremely difficult to control the prices of milk and to check adulteration.

Government have brought under cultivation 9,000 acres of land for growing more vegetables. The result of this is that the public will get vegetables at much lower rates than at present.

The position as regards to eggs is, however, not likely to improve in the near future as the demand for this commodity has been consistently increasing, so much so that contrary to precedent the price of eggs instead of coming down in the summer months had shot up to Rs. 2-8-0 a dozen.

All Kohima In Hands Of Allies Now

Severe Fighting Continues South Of Myitkyina

CANDY, June 5.

To-day's "S.E.A.C." "communique" says "severe fighting continues at Myitkyina in south of the town. Chinese and American forces on the south-east have gained 200 yards and on the west outskirts 100 yards.

Chindits continue their attack from the south at Waingmaw. Kamaing is now closely invested as our units have reached positions four and a half miles east and six and a half miles south-east of the town. East of Mogaung, Chinese thrusting south have captured a village. On the extreme west, the Japanese are withdrawing from Mamsum. North of Myitkyina, our levies raided Nsopzup.

Our columns advancing in Imphal-Ukhrul and Palel Tamu road areas with artillery and air support captured an important feature after air strike. Near Kohima, vigorous patrolling continued. North-east of Kohima, our troops gained several more enemy positions and inflicted casualties.

CHINESE ADVANCE

(From Raymond Okelly, A.P.I. War Correspondent):

Chinese troops are gaining ground through steady pressure down the Mogaung Valley.

The Japanese have failed to dislodge the Chinese at Seton, five miles south-east of Kamaing and as other Chinese troops move from north and east again General Stilwell appears to have begun to throw an unbreakable ring round the town.

All Kohima, the bitterly contested town in Japanese drive across the Chindwin, is now held by the Allies. But the fact is of no great significance as the Japanese still have to be cleaned from high ground in the district.—A.P.

BATTLE FOR JASSY

Germans Still Trying To Close Their Pincers Round Soviet Forces

MOSCOW, June 5.

Heavy tank and artillery battles on land are matched by the intensity of duels in the air as the German attacks around Jassy swing into the seventh day, says Reuter's Special Correspondent.

Fighting has extended wider over the valley of the Pruth and the Carpathian spurs with the Germans still trying to close their pincers around the Soviet forces.—Reuter.

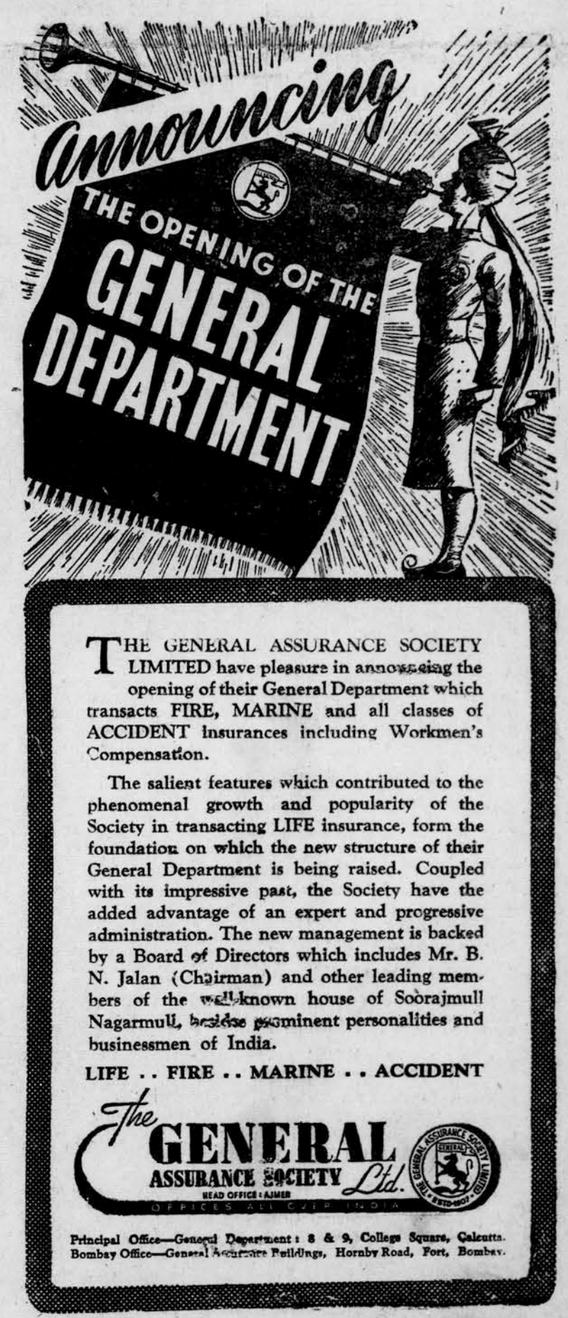
Materials Economy Officer

NEW DELHI, June 5.—To advise on the conservation of raw materials and utilisation of scrap, the Government of India in the Supply Department have appointed Mr. Aftab Rai, Deputy Director-General in the Directorate General of Supply, as materials Economy Officer, says a press note.

KAPREKAR MURDER TRIAL ON JUNE 8

(From Our Correspondent)

The Kaprekar Murder Trial was to have opened at Karjat on May 26, but the same has been postponed to June 8.



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The Bombay Chronicle

THOSE STERLING BALANCES

As India's war supplies and war services are increasing, so is, of course, the price to be paid for it by Britain either in gold or in goods in accordance with the terms of the agreement arrived at between the two countries, an agreement which was none too generous towards India, having been negotiated by Sir Jeremy Raisman. But Britain pleads inability to spare enough gold or goods for India to pay off all obligations just at present. So she pays paper money here and promises to pay the real price after the war. This debt, generally known as sterling balances due to us, is naturally increasing, but that is only in return for India's valuable war supplies and services. India has to suffer much under an arrangement according to which the goods available here, including food and clothing are getting scarce—not being replaced by imports—while the fast-increasing paper money is only raising prices frightfully high. One redeeming feature of the situation is that India lives on the hope that her sterling balances will be available after the war for machinery to develop her industries.

A number of interests in Britain, however, are casting wishful glances at the increasing balances and ask: "Must these be paid in the usual way." They do not like to say straightforwardly that the balances should be repudiated. The "Financial News," which represents some of these interests, attempts to shift the moral responsibility by declaring that the amount which represents India's sterling balances "was to save India from becoming a Japanese colony, and a large part was used for constructing industries which have become part of India's national wealth." The suggestion is clear enough. But repudiation is an ugly expression. So the "Financial news" says: "To imagine that this huge balance will be paid to India in cash and that India will thus reap a rich reward for her inability to finance her own deliveries, seems contrary to all justice and even commonsense". Will the balances be paid otherwise than in cash? If so, how? Some businessmen suggest that the debt should first be scaled down by a fresh agreement and then paid in the form of British exports to India, presumably at prices fixed by Britain. As much that has been or is likely to be said about the deal is not likely to enhance British reputation, the "Financial News" insists that this question of sterling balances should not be discussed by Indian delegates at the International Monetary Conference to be shortly held at Philadelphia.

Lord Keynes is a little more modest in his claims in this behalf. In an article in the "Economist" he says: "There has never been any question of repudiating obligations. But the settlement is not sacrosanct regarding future transactions." This is a proposal to scale down only the future debt, unless Britain seeks to give retrospective effect to a revised agreement, if there should be one. An ideal solution, says Lord Keynes, "would be for the United States to lend-lease a great quantity of gold to Britain for India." This is an interesting proposal but it is not clear how much of the lend-leased gold is meant for India. And, as Mr. G. D. Birla insists, if India's debt is to be paid in gold, the payment must be made at the current world price of gold and not at an artificially inflated one. It is clear, however that this question of sterling balances will have to be considered at the forthcoming Monetary Conference. It should also be clear that no scheme of settling Britain's war debts to India will be morally binding on India unless it is approved first by a truly national Government and subsequently by the Central Legislature.

The Matriculation

Of the 32,055 students who appeared for the last Matriculation Examination of the Bombay University 17,482 have passed, which gives a pass percentage of 54.5 against 51.6 last year and 52.7 the year before. The percentage is thus appreciably higher than it has been for several years past but it cannot be said to be high enough if the practice is still followed by schools to send up for the examination only those students who have passed a preliminary test. The total number of candidates this year is very high, nearly 5,000 more than it was last year. The steady and fast-increasing number of candidates is very gratifying, indeed, particularly the faster-increasing number of girl candidates. But while the main function of the Matric examination is to test the candidate's fitness to proceed to the University and is so designed as to serve that purpose, thousands of the candidates for the Matriculation have either not the aptitude for a University course or the means to go through it. They take the examination as the best available substitute for one which they really need, namely, an examination which serves the double purpose of testing their fitness for subordinate clerical service or for professional courses and, secondly, of leaving them some hope that some day they may take up a University course at least partially. For about fifty years attempts have been made, mainly by Government in consultation with the University, to devise such an examination. But so far the examination has not been popular. It failed in the second purpose as the University refused to give it due credit for the purpose of entrance to its colleges. But the latest scheme of the Government for a School Leaving Certificate Examination bids fair to succeed better as the University has given it better recognition than in the past. The examination needs to be better known than it is, as it will suit the interests of the thousands of students who seek a course that will fit them for service after leaving school or for higher vocational courses. The Matriculation examination itself calls for considerable reform but that question we shall consider on another occasion.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Rome Falls

Rome has at last fallen to the Allies. The news must cause both pleasure and a profound sense of relief that the historic city has changed hands without fighting and without damage. It is true that German rearguards put up desperate resistance to delay the Allied entry into the city. But that fight was staged well outside Rome and quite obviously it was intended only to facilitate German withdrawal northwards. Having declared Rome an "open city," the Germans did respect their declaration and refrained from fighting in or for it. Field Marshal Kesselring is reported to have sent the Allies special proposals to regard Rome as an open city. These doubtless include proposals to the effect that the Allies, too, should keep it an open city, that is to say, if the Germans evacuated it without exploiting its strategical situation and value, the Allies, too, should refrain from using it as a military base in any way.

Important Event

This will be a just demand. There is, we think, already a hint of its acceptance in General Mark Clark's statement the other day. President Roosevelt is to give a broadcast on the fall of Rome and he is bound to say something authoritative on the subject. But, apart from that and apart from the political and moral importance of the occupation of Rome by the Allies, the event has intensified expectancy as regards the opening of the Second Front. President Roosevelt cannot obviously make a present of the actual date to the Germans by publicly announcing it. But it is to be hoped that the fall of Rome marks the end of suspense and the beginning of lively operations not only in the Mediterranean area but also across the English Channel.

S.E.A.C. Operations

Conflicting statements have been made about the future of operations on the Indo-Burma front by the special correspondent of the Associated Press and by a military spokesman at New Delhi. Both are agreed that the Japanese have failed in their primary objectives and both are agreed that they will not be able to do anything during the monsoon period. But while the A.P.I. correspondent believes that the monsoon, which has already set in, will produce a stalemate the military spokesman urges that Allied operations against the Japs will not be hampered to any considerable degree by the rains. The background that the past supplies leads us to fear that the A.P.I. correspondent may be right. Developments during operations in the past few months, particularly in the Arakan and Manipur regions, have disappointed expectations and one hesitates to agree with the military spokesman's optimism. Yet it is very important that the Allies should do something substantial despite rains. The situation in China brooks no slowing down of operations on the Indo-Burma front. It demands that General Stilwell's forces should be helped to intensify their operations, that the Japanese be pushed out of Assam and further that Allied drive into Central Burma should be pressed forward now and not after the rainy season.

Britain Cannot Repudiate Her Debt To India

Birla On Keynes' Plea: "We Must Have Our Sterling Dues Repaid To Us"

BOMBAY, June 5.

Mr. G. D. Birla, one of the authors of the Bombay Plan, has issued the following statement:—

"Lord Keynes' plea for afresh negotiation of Indo-British financial settlement I fear, will shock the best friends of England since the suggestion amounts to pure and simple repudiation of England's debt to India.

Before the war India was a debtor country not because India had ever borrowed money or goods from anyone but because she was unjustly saddled with the cost of the Burma, the Afghan and the Abyssinian wars, and of the many expeditions like China, Persia, Nepal, Ceylon, Malaya, Java, the Cape Colony and Egypt.

From these, India had nothing to gain. When, therefore India made a modest demand that her debt position should be examined by an impartial tribunal for an equitable settlemnet, people in England strongly resented it on the ground that India was trying to repudiate her "sacred" debts. Now India has repaid those "sacred" debts.

INDIA BORE IT ALL

But when the time is coming for England to repay hers, a responsible man like Lord Keynes has set the ball of repudiation rolling. Lord Keynes would not put such proposals to any other Dominions because they are all free. But if India is not, it is not her fault, and for an eminent man like Lord Keynes virtually to suggest taking advantage of India's political subjugation is, to say the least, most unfortunate for Indo-British relations.

India bore all these tribulations patiently in the hope that when the war was over, England would repay her debt which would help India in building up her productivity. If now England repudiates her debt, the bottom for the post-war construction planning is completely knocked out and a permanent seal on scarcity and misery is put.

India has been asked to trust England's political pledge so very often. Does Lord Keynes think that repudiation of a debt by a rich country to a starving one is the proper method to inspire such trust?

WAR AND INDIA'S RECORD

Lord Keynes remarks shat "the argument about impossibility of increasing the burden on the poor Indian peasant loses most of its force if one realises that the weight of the whole defence expenditure in India—whether financed by the Indian or by Allied Governments is currently borne by India's population."

It is perfectly true that India has borne all the war expenditure whether financed by Indian or by Allied Governments. But does he know with what result? Death, disease and misery. I challenge anyone to point out any other country that has done better than India. Millions who died in Bengal are no less war casualties than those who died in the battle-field. Even today millions are suffering and are on the door of death because there is not sufficient medicine in the country

The scarcity of food in India was not because so much more currency was put into circulation but because a scarcity was caused on account of war. There are scarcities in many other fields And while India supplies freely for war, expansion of her production was entirely neglected.

For Lord Keynes, therefore, to treat the plea of impossibility of increasing the burden on the poor Indian peasant with contempt comes with an ill grace. His suggestion that if the whole expenditure including what is incurred by America and England is debited to India, it would be a relief to the poor classes, is an insult to Indian intelligence. India need not be taught elementary economics. She knows too well where the shoe pinches.

STOP THAT LOOSE TALK

It has been suggested by a London City Correspondent that inflation in India might be met by America giving more gold to India. It has also been suggested that had America given more gold to India, there would have been no famine in Bengal. All this is bunkum. Gold could not have been eaten in place of rice. If, however, India's assets are to be paid in gold, then they must be paid at the current world price of gold and not an artificially injured price. Eventually India need more capital goods in order to build up her productivity to provide more goods to the starving humanity. The repayment of her sterlings is the only hope to raise India's standard. It is, therefore inconceivable that anyone can think of repudiation in such a light-hearted manner.

I strongly appeal to friends in England to set their face against such loose talk."—A. P.

Parody Of 'Travel Less Campaign'

Genuine Passengers Suffer Hardships, While Service Men Holiday On Hills

The Committee of the Indian Merchants' Chamber in the course of a communication to the Secretary to the Government of India, War Transport Department say:

The Committee of this Chamber had occasion to comment on the reducion in passenger services and the consequent overcrowding in Passenger Trains and the extreme hardship and inconvenience suffered by the travelling public as a result thereof, in their letter dated the 3rd June, 1943. Unfortunately, the Government of India did not consider the suggestions of my Committee favourably and the situation has worsened considerably during the course of the year. It is no exaggeration to say that hardly a week passes by in Bombay without one, two or more passengers being killed on account of the overcrowding of trains. From the press reports of different places, it appears that this complaint is not confined to Bombay alone, but that the grievance has spread to other provinces also. Instead of remedying the situation by providing more passenger trains or passenger vehicles, Government appear to have tried to find out a shortcut by initiating a so-called "Travel Less" campaign. My Committee may be excused for saying that of all the slogans introduced or inaugurated by Government since the war began, this particular one of "Travel Less" campaign threatens to be the most harassing and obnoxious to the general public.

While this new slogan of "Travel Less" is being pushed forward for ordinary Indian civilians, it does not seem to apply to members of the services. My Committee realise and appreciate that movements of troops have to go on. But the movements of different members of the services are not evidently all due to the war operations There was a discussion at a meeting of the Local Advisory Committee of the G.I.P. Railway when Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas said that he had questioned Marines he had seen up at Simla and found that they were there on holiday and he thought that Government themselves could take a lot of action to reduce this unnecessary travel. Sir B. Rama Rau, a member of the Committee, suggested that military travel to such places as Kashmir from the South and Ootacamund from the North might also be responsible for a great deal of the additional travel. It is proposed that travelling should be discouraged by means of posters.

PROPER APPROACH

It will be recognised that the launching of a "Travel Less" campaign and the exhibition of the dangers of travel which do not exist and the education of general public there is not only not the right and correct solution of the problem that exists and will only add and add considerably to the irritation and bitterness which exist amongst the travelling public. The proper approach should be to provide the amenities, facilities and services which are essential for the carriage of passengers even in these days of war and my Committee have to urge upon you to reconsider the desirability of solving this vexed question in that spirit and from that point of approach.

In this connection, I am asked to enclose herewith an advertisement in the "Eastern Rotary Wheel" inserted by a responsible Travel Agency. The advertisement says "Travel Made Easy." "Start Booking now for next Season's Holidays in the Hills." Does this mean that while travelling is going to be made more difficult for the poorer sections of the Indian travelling public, it is going to be made easy for non-Indian sections of the public as well as perhaps for the richer sections of the Indian travelling public? It is extremely incongruous that on the one hand the railways should start a "Travel Less" campaign and on the other advertisements of the Travelling Agencies should appear inviting the public to go to the Hill Stations. Moreover, Government servants travel even now reserving the whole compartment to themselves. Can it be contended that their conduct is in keeping with the object which the Government have in view?

Under the circumstances, my Committee beg to request the Government of India to be pleased to issue instructions for the withdrawal of this "Travel Less" campaign and to try their best to meet the wants and requirements of the travelling public by providing them with the necessary amenities of life and giving them better service in consonance with modern standards of travel by increasing both the number of passenger vehicles and passenger trains.

"Friends Of Soviet Union"

"An Indian" obviously does not like the idea of Indians sending greetings to the people of the Soviet Union. Then he should have said so openly instead of implying it through subtle innuendos. Or was he writing with his tongue in his cheek? To compare the world's only Socialist State (whatever its faults or shortcomings) with imperialist Britain and the reactionary regime in Poland is, to say the least, a perversion of history.

"An Indian" pooh-poohs the idea of our greeting the Soviet people. If we have erred, it is in company with men like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Indeed, the Indian National Congress was the first to send greetings to the Soviets, but then, of course, "An Indian" did not dare come out with a letter questioning the patriotism of Azad and Nehru who sponsored that resolution.

"An Indian", says that "it is far better to be free than to admire freedom in others." True, no doubt. But it is only those who value freedom for themselves who can admire freedom in others. At any rate it is infinitely better to admire freedom in others (even if one is not free oneself) than neither to be free nor to admire freedom in others, but only to indulge in cheap cynicism at the expense of martyrs and heroes. But then it is easier these days to write letters denouncing or belittling the Soviet Union than to attack Imperialism. And certain "anti-Imperialists" seem to be engaged to-day principally in anti-Soviet propaganda—much to the delight of Imperialists and capitalists. I am sure!

AN INDIAN WHO IS PROUD TO BE A FRIEND OF THE SOVIET UNION.

Vivicillin, New Wonder Drug

LONDON, (by Cable).—Successful experiments in the use of vivicillin in the treatment of animals are described by Mr. Edgar von Lustiglendva, M.R.C.V.S. in a preliminary chemical report in the current issue of "Veterinary Record." Vivicillin is a development of penicillin.

The preparation is being produced in two forms, Mr. Lustiglehdva writes, one for external application named "pennotin", and one for parental (intestinal) application, called "vivicillin".

Y. M. C. A. CENTENARY

(From A Correspondent)

One hundred years ago, on the 6th of June, 1844, George Williams inaugurated in a Draper's shop in London, amid the most unpretentious surroundings, the first Young Men's Christian Association. Since then with the trampling march of tremendous events in his own generation and subsequent ones, the Association has grown from precedent to precedent until to-day it embraces the youth of all nations, binding them in a healthy bond, and leading them to a perfection of the mind, spirit and the body. That first symbol of the Association, the Red Triangle which connotes the mind, spirit and the body, to the well-being of which the Association has since its inception religiously catered for, to-day signifies more than ever before the part the Association is playing for the youth of all countries. There have been in these hundred years reshapings of national and individual opinions, there have been silent social evolutions and violent political changes; there has been an immeasurable release, especially among the youth, from convention and restraint, but as these landmarks of centuries have been swept away the Red Triangle of the Association has stood as a beacon buoying up the weak and rescuing them from a feeling of frustration.

WORK IN INDIA

In India the inception of the Movement dates back to the year 1854 when a branch was opened in Calcutta and was later followed by one in Bombay in 1874. Thus started, the work of the Association has spread until in this Centenary Year of the Association, India claims 155 Associations in the different parts of the country, all knit together under the National Council of Y.M.C.A.s in India, Burma and Ceylon. In its own tacit way the Association has drawn to itself the youth of India and shown them the way to service and fellowship. It has encouraged sports and games by actively providing amenities for them, and has catered for the intellectual needs of the growing boys and young men through debates, discussions and libraries.

In Bombay, the Y.M.C.A., has never grown tired of the active work it has carried on among the manual workers of the city—the attendance of a hundred thousand of them at the various educational groups held during a year is sufficient indication of their interest in one branch of the Association's activities. A year's statistics has also revealed that a quarter million of these men have participated in recreational activities organised by the Association. Thus with its eyes to the fore in service of the Fighting Forces the Association has continued to cater for the civilians. Not only in Bombay but throughout India wherever the fighting men are stationed, the Y.M.C.A. has been active in their service.

Men with vision and foresight have helped in the past to carry on a splendid piece of work in the service of mankind throughout the world and they deserve our unstinted tribute because we have benefited by their labours. Though started in England, the Association today works in this country as part of the nationalistic order of the day; not merely in semblance but in the very spirit it has become indigenous. In other words, in the march of events in India towards nationalisation, the Y.M.C.A., has kept pace with the aspirations of the country. Fully cognisant of the generous help in men and money the Association has received in the past from Overseas organisations, the Indian Y.M.C.A.s to-day have their own men conducting their affairs; five Secretaries from foreign Councils still contribute their share to the work of the Indian Movement but all the rest are recruited in India and financed in India.

We heartily congratulate the Y. M. C. A. on the meritorious service it has rendered in the past and on its achievements during the hundred years of its existence. The atmosphere is sombre throughout the world when it is entering its second centenary era but we are sure that its contribution to the efforts of those who are striving to preserve our civilization from foundering will be as valuable in the future as it has always been in the past.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

LONDON, June 6.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour and National Service, has joined the Royal India Society, states the "Birmingham Gazette."

The "Gazette" states that Mr. Bevin has been greatly impressed by Indians who have come to Britain to study factory working, "and it is said he has been popular with them."—Reuter

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A London cable—trust Reuter's to be prompt about their duties—overwhelms us with the proud news that the Maharaja of Kashmir and Sir Firoz Khan Noon visited the Port of London accompanied by the two highest officials of the Port of London Authority.

And what is more, India's "representatives" were actually shown round some of the principal docks, too.

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Thus the "Times" of London:—"India, not yet a Dominion but with a very special and significant place and destiny in the Empire....."

Exactly, exactly. Say no more, brother.

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To the Bombay Sheriff's telegram appealing for building materials for houses, the Viceroy, has replied with "many thanks."

But it is naturally much too early, months too early, to speculate on what proportion the quantity of materials will bear to "many thanks."

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The All-India Friends of the Soviet Union has formally resolved to establish its headquarters in Bombay.

We will, of course, welcome this new addition to our already several guests: But er-er-must it also plant—we mean establish its headquarters in Bombay?

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A SEAC spokesman announces the pleasant news that "for the first time we seem to have met the Japs on equal terms in Burma."

The Chinese who have been meetings the Japs for seven years must, however, yet wait another year or two to meet them on equal terms for the first time.

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Rome is reported to have been entered by the Allies and it is announced that President Roosevelt is to broadcast from the White House on the fall of the Eternal City.

Putting them together we arrive at the following firm conclusions:

(1) Rome HAS fallen after all and (2) Let us forget the Second Front in the midst of thanksgiving and self-congratulations.

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An erroneous "flash" from London to the effect that the Allied troops had landed in France is reported to have caused a sensation in America.

The flash was doubtless too good to be true. But we do hope such terrifically sensational mistakes are not inflicted on a harassed world

NOEL COWARD IN INDIA

CALCUTTA, June 4.—Mr. Noel Coward, the British actor and playwright, who is on a tour of India to entertain the troops, has arrived in Calcutta from Kandy. He will shortly leave for the Assam and Arakan Fronts and a troops entertainment programme is being arranged for him by the Southeast Asia Command.—A. P.

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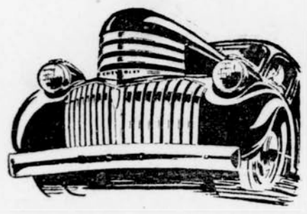

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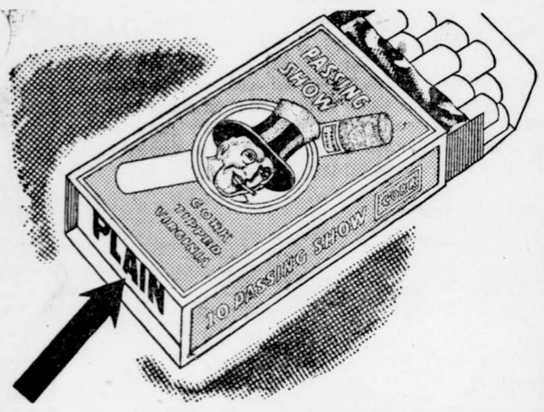

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M. S. Patwardhan who stood first in the Matriculation examination this year carrying away five prizes including Sunkersett Sanskrit Scholarship.

CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Jeth Shud 15, 2000
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Acher 14, 1363
Parsi: Deh 6, 1313
Sunrise: 7-1 a.m. Sunset 8-12 p.m.
Hightide: 12-58, 24-42 Lowtide 6-09, 18-51

Domestic Occurrence

MARRIAGE

SARASWATHY-RAMNOTH. On the 8th June 1944, Between K. Ramanathan, B.A., son of the late Mr. P. Krishana Iyer, B.A.L.T. Retd. Head Master, Trivandrum, and Saraswathy, daughter of the late Mr. V. Sivaramakrishana Iyer, B.A., B.L. of the Burma Railways and grand-daughter of Mr. S. Mahalingam Iyer Retd. Engineer, Trivandrum, at the later's residence. BHAVANI NIVAS, Thycaud, Trivandrum. Friends whom it has not been possible to communicate direct or whose invitations have failed to reach them are kindly requested to accept this intimation.

To-day's Engagements

BANTHIA BANK BRANCH:—Mr. Shamaldas Gandhi will open Bombay branch of Banthia Bank today (Tuesday) at 6-15 p.m. at 65-67 Zaveri Bazar Street.

GATHA SOCIETY:—A public meeting in the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 136 Apollo Street, Fort, today (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.), when Mr. B. T. Anklesaria, will continue his discourse on "The Sacred Manthra Ahunavairya in the Gathas and the later Avesta and Pahlavi Literature."

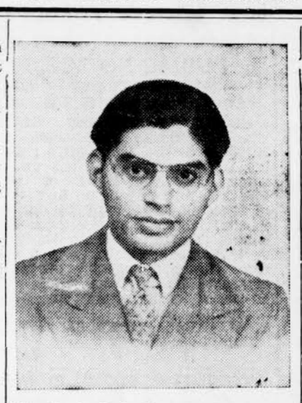
"ANSWERING YOU":—A programme in which experts answer any questions from listeners will be presented from All-India Radio, Bombay at 9-45 p.m. to-day (Tuesday) on 244 and 61.48 meter. H. R. Stimson will be the question-master and the experts will be Lt.-Col. S. S. Sokhey, Director Haffkine Institute, H. J. Mulleneux, Chief Electrical Engineer, G. I. P. Railway and Prof. Choksi, Professor of English, Wilson College.

SUBSCRIBERS OF "PREET-LARI": And admirers and friends of S. Gurbakhash Singh, Editor "Preet-Lari" Preet Nagar Punjab, will meet at 6-30 p.m. to-day at "Purohit Hotel Churchgate Admission with invitation cards.

BABU PANALA JAIN HIGH SCHOOL:—Out of 26 candidates that appeared for the Matriculation Examination 25 passed, one standing 2nd in the list of successful candidates with the total 597.

DIGANARSAMBAI SCHOLARSHIP:—Trustees of the Diaga Lingu Piraji Trust invite applications from students male or female, from Telugu Ful Mali (Munurwar) community domiciled in Bombay Presidency, who have passed the Matriculation or other qualifying examination for taking Commerce, Engineering, Medical, Arts or other higher course of studies for the Diganarasambai Scholarship of Rs. 20 per month. The trustees also invite applications from female students of the community for the Lingoo Piraji Saknial Scholarship of Rs. 10 per month for primary or high school education or midwifery of nursing course.

Applications should reach Mr. S. B. Awar, Trustee Diaga Lingoo Piraji Trust, 5 Balaram Street Grant Road, before the 20th June 1944.



Mr. R. A. Zakaria, who is leaving for the United Kingdom, as a Research Scholar of the Bombay University, will work for the Ph.D. at the London University and qualify for the Bar at the Lincoln's Inn. He has had a very distinguished academic career here having won the Chancellor's Medal at the M.A. examination last year. He is a prominent student-worker.

Mr. Zakaria is the first student to make this trip under the auspices of the Bombay University since the outbreak of the war.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Many things were said at the Friends of the Soviet Union Congress on Saturday.

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But instead of all this talking, let's send something to Soviet Russia, even if it is just a basket of mangoes. What does Russia want Greetings for? Let us send them a 100,000 of our men and say to Russia: "Here is our blood. It will fight in the cause of your freedom." Or let's send them a crore or rupees and say: "Here's money to buy tanks and guns with." Ah, no that would be helping the war effort and what would Mahatma Gandhi say?

COTTON ARRIVALS: Khandesh 104, Berar 245, Dholeras 98, Sind-Punjab 15, Broach 2,402, Total 2,864 Bales. Since the beginning of the season 15,44,055 Bales. Same period last year 16,41,990 Bales. Estimated Mill Consumption 16,35,316 Bales. Same time last year 10,80,648. Stock in Bombay 13,39,704 Bales. Last year Stock 14,85,229 Bales.

BHATINDA QUOTATIONS.
BHATINDA, June 5.
June Opening Silver Ready 134/12, Jeth 133/14, Asarh 131/7, Gold Ready 74/5, Jeth 74/6, Asarh 74/13, Bajra Ready 8/1, Poh 8/1/3, Rice Asarh 13/1/13, Manohar 12/8, Silver Gold steady.

BANKERS' CLEARING.
Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 2/6/1944 were as under:—
Number of Cheques: 1,33,779.
Amount of Cheques: Rs 38,65,45,818-8-3.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS.
CALICUT, June 5.
Cocoanuts Raw 65, Dry 75, Cocoanut Oil 288, Copra Office 165, Dilpasand 195, Madras Nottam 220, Pepper Wynaad 335, Country 330, Dryginger Chernad 250, Ernad 230, Coffee Robusta 114.

HAPUR MARKET QUOTATIONS.
HAPUR, June 5.
Wheat 10, Arrivals 1,000 Maunds Gram 8/8, Barely 6/10, Peas 7/6, Arrivals 600 Maunds Arhar 7/4, Rapeseed 12/10, Gur 4/10, Guwar Jeth 6/9, Bhadon 6/14, Moong Jeth 9/6, Bhadon 9/10/6, Maha 10/9/9, Urad Asar 11/3/4-1/2, Maha 11/9/6 Bardana Jeth 54/13, Asuj 54/9.

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Surti Extra Spr-fine 500 Sup 555 Fine 550 F Good 545
4 F Pun/American Extra Spr-fine 465 Sup 460 Fine 455 F Good 450
L S S Pun/American Extra Spr-fine 495 Sup 490 Fine 485 F Good 480
289 F Pun/American Extra Spr-fine 555 Sup 550 Fine 545 F Good 540
Saw-Gd 4 F Extra Spr-fine 495 Sup 490 Fine 485 F Good 480
Saw-Gd L S S Extra Spr-fine 540 Sup 535 Fine 530 F Good 425
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CITY MARKETS

Bombay, June 5

SHARES: The local share bazar was quietly steady and it appears that in the absence of any fresh development, there will be equal opportunities on either side for moderate profits. The recent improvement in the Giltedged market, influenced good demand for Bank, Insurance and Utility Shares at hardening rates. Cotton Mill shares are moving within a narrow range without any definite price tendency. Steel shares after the recent improvement are not likely to present any bold front. Tata Steel Defds. opened to-day at Rs. 2222 and after declining to Rs. 2217 improved to Rs. 2232. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 414 and quietened at Rs. 415. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1890 and improved to Rs. 1912. Kohinoors were placed at Rs. 640.

ACTIVE SHARE AT A GLANCE.

Tata Steel Ord. (416) 414 13/8 15 14/8 17 15 15/8 14/8 15 13/8 14 13, T. S. Dfd. (2,257/8) 2215 25 17/8 20 28/12 25 35 27 31 33 17/8 22/8 7/8 10 2/8 2,205, Dyeing (1,906/4) 1,895 1,900 1,890 95 1,902 8/12 6/4 8/12 21/4 12/8 18/12 25 26/4 15 20, Kohinoor (641) 638 39 36 37 36 39 40 39 38 41 42 37, Swadesh (550) 547 48 53 54 52 54 56 53, Nagpur (420/8) 420 19 20 23 22 26 22, Simplex (254) 253 52/8 55/8 55 55/8, New Great (385) 383 85 88 85, Indore (885) 855 17 30 27 15 800 797/8, Scindia (36/6) 35/14 35/8 36 35/14, Cement (235) 235 34/12 35/4 36/8 34/12 35/1 34/8 34/12.

BULLION: On Saturday London Markets were closed and New York quotations were unchanged. The local bullion market is becoming a buzzle and while old shorts are covering their unprotected sales with a view to avoid paying penalty of rupee on account of failure to tender but new operators are appearing as sellers on the belief that present price of Silver is unduly high. Forward Silver after fluctuating between Rs. 133/8 and Rs 134/4, steadied at Rs. 134. Gold was quoted at Rs. 74/7.

The market ruled steady with moderate support:—Closing Quotations Ready Silver Rs. 135/2. Forward Rs. 134/8. Ready Gold Rs. 74/8. Forward Rs. 74/8.

COTTON: The local cotton market opened to-day at Rs. 420 for July delivery and improved to Rs. 421/8 under scattered covering. At the rise demand was satisfied and with renewed selling July declined to a new low level of Rs. 418/4 and steadied at Rs. 419/8. As pointed out before, there is inclination to accept tenders and as each delivery matures, prices will have to reach near about Government buying level. Moreover those who intend to hold cotton will have to bear the difference of old and new crops. Thus the outlook for raw cotton is discouraging and we do not look for any sustained improvement.

The market was quietly steady and July improved to Rs. 421/8. The market finally closed at 6 p.m. as under:

I C C July	421	4	0
I C C September	432	12	0

COTTON PARITY: Indoan Cotton July contract is below New York July 468 cent points at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
July	427/12	420	420/12
September	437/8	431	431/12

N. Y. COTTON WEEKLY REVIEW: Despite the Presidential opposition to the proposed Bankhead amendment which would tie textile ceilings with the price of raw cotton, prices advanced on persistent mill price-fixing, commission house buying and covering by New Orleans operators. In connection with the recent C. C. C. announcement calling 1942 loan on August 15, some quarters anticipate that considerable amount will be redeemed by producers prior to that date, since it is estimated that after paying carrying charges, farmers can still profit approximately one and half cents a pound. The current tightness of Spot for better grades is not expected to be relieved by the calling off the 1942 loan as only 400,000 of the 1,722,000 bales are of desirable quality. Mill demand for actuals was apasmodic with producers in the Atlantic area reported to be ignoring bids below four and half to six dollars a bale of 1948 equities.

COTTON GOODS: The supply situation for Civilian trade has further tightened after the war Production Board announcement that larger yardage must be exported in the second half of the year. Pending developments abroad, the nearby price trend is likely to be governed by Washington news.

BLACK MARKETS MUST BE STOPPED

Hindustani Native Merchants Association's Resolution

The meeting of the Managing Committee of the Hindustani Native Merchants' Association was held on 21st May, 1944 in the Association Hall when the following resolutions were passed:—

(1) This Association fully appreciates the policy of the Control authorities to stop the Black Market and punish those who indulge in mal-practices. This Association however is constrained to point out that the extreme measures such as Freezing Orders and cancellation of licences should have been adopted after due enquiry and opportunity for explanation. This Association is compelled to protest against the Police attending the premises of the merchants for seizing the licences as it is unwarranted to procedure and insult to self-respect of the respectable dealers. This Association urges upon the control authorities to bring the Police to seize the licence only where the merchants fail to surrender the same when required.

(2) This Association condemns all those who are indulging in Black Market and other mal-practices and warns its members to realise that it will have no sympathy for any of its members who will be found indulging in Black Market and other mal-practices. This Association urges upon its members to sell or buy cloth or yarn at Control Rates only and advises its members to use their best endeavours to expose the mal-practices in the trade and notify to the Association and the Textile Commissioner the names of those doing business in contravention of the Control Order.

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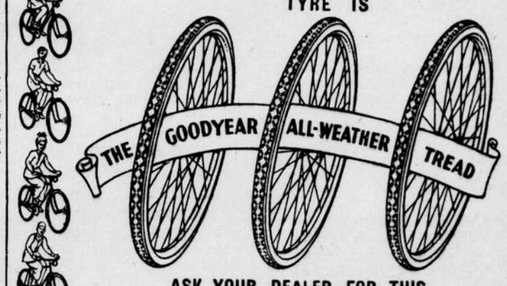

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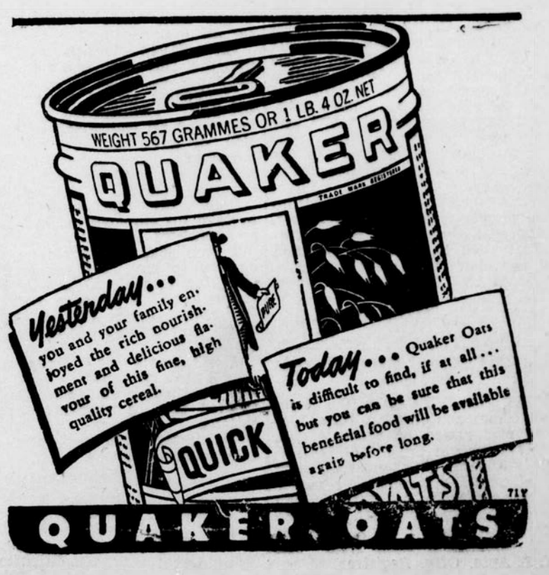
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

LOST

LOST SHARE CERTIFICATE IN THE BELAPUR COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate in respect of (5) Ordinary Shares Numbered 74781 to 74785 (inclusive) of the Belapur Company, Ltd., standing in the name of Mr. Meghji Gopalji of Bombay, have been DESTROYED, LOST or MISLAID and any claim in respect of these shares should be notified to the Company at their Registered Office Royal Insurance Bldgs., Churchgate Street, Bombay, within one month from the date hereof. Otherwise a duplicate Share Certificate will be issued irrespective of any claim in respect thereof.

Dated this 6th day of June, 1944.

MEGHJI GOPALJI. (5108)

GOVERNMENT LAW COLLEGE, BOMBAY

THE NEXT ACADEMIC term will commence on 20th June, 1944 The registration of students will, however, begin from THURSDAY, the 8th June, 1944, and will cease as soon as the number of students to be admitted is complete. In any case admissions will not be made after 10th July, 1944. Prospectus and application form from Mr. K. L. Apte, Offg. Registrar. (9082)

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R. A. PODAR MEDICAL COLLEGE (AYURVEDIC), WURLI, BOMBAY 18.

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NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of a Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering in the grade of Rs. 60-3-120 for the O'Brien Technical Institute, Kolhapur. The appointment will be temporary in the first instance but will be made permanent later if found necessary.

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(Sd.) J. M. BADHE,
Superintendent,
O'Brien Technical Institute,
KOLHAPUR. (9090)

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LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SEVEN Share Certificates, bearing Nos. 20210; 20211; 23060; 37201; 83739, 89792 and 128844 in respect of THIRTY-FIVE Shares numbered 122162 to 122171; 163718 to 163722; 272928 to 272932 405760 to 405764; 578287 to 578291 and 605450 to 605454 of The Associated Cement Companies Limited, standing in the name of Mr. MEGHJI GOPALJI have been LOST or MISLAID, and the undersigned has applied to the Company to issue duplicate Share Certificates for the said Shares.

Any person in possession of the said Share Certificates and/or having any claim to the said Shares should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office at "Esplanade House", Waudby Road, Bombay, within one month from the date hereof, after which period, no claim will be considered and the Directors will proceed to deal with the said application and issue duplicate Share Certificates if they think fit.

Dated this 6th day of June, 1944.

MEGHJI GOPALJI,
Shareholder. (5109)

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2. Applications should be sent by post to the Director of Factory Recruitment, 30, Park Street Calcutta, so as to reach him by the 15th June, 1944, envelopes being superscribed "SUPERVISOR TRAINEE".

3. Originals of testimonials should not be sent.

4. No correspondence can be entered into in regard to applications.

5. Canvassing in any form will entail disqualification.

K. L. KAPUR, P.C.S.
Assistant Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Department of Supply,
Calcutta. (9089)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE COLABA LAND & MILL CO., LTD.,

SHARE CERTIFICATES for 5 shares Nos. 13913, 13914, 1544 10702 and 24235 in the Colaba Land and Mill Co., Ltd., standing in the name of Meghji Gopalji have been burnt during the fire of 14-4-1944. Anybody having any claim to these shares should intimate to the above Company at its registered address 12-14 Churchgate Street, Bombay within one month from this date, after which no claim will be entertained and the Company will issue duplicates.

Bombay, dated 6th June, 1944.
MEGHJI GOPALJI. (5110)

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE.

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M. D. BHAT,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 3-6-1944. (9086)

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N. A. FARUQUI,
Collector of Bombay.
2nd June, 1944. (9085)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

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